



NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2019

Elon University, Elon, NC
Mosely Center/ McKinnon Hall
100 Campus Drive, Elon NC 27244

WELCOME: Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

Chairman Lambert thanked Elon University for hosting the June 7th meeting.

INVOCATION: Ms. Vickie Jeffries, Tribal Administrator, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that are currently ill and recently deceased were remembered during the opening prayer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Commissioner Jeff Anstead requested that the DHHS representative's presentation be included in the agenda. Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Present
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnett, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Absent
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Absent
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Absent



ROLL CALL

MEMBERS (Continued)

Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present
Sappony	Dorothy Stewart Yates	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Absent
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration, Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary		Present
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary		
Designee: Robert Collins, Executive Director		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present
Representative: Sheila Holman		
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: David Locklear, Deputy Director		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz, State Archaeologist		Absent

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO, Zianne Mackenzie Richardson	Absent
NCNAYO, Brayden Nokosi Locklear (Co-Chair)	Absent

STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program &
 Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
Elizabeth Walker, Program Director, State Recognition Program
Anita Finger-Smith, Genealogist, Tribal Recognition Program
Janet Hammond, Intern, DOA

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List (sign in sheet) is on file with the Commission.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Lambert led the membership and guests in the presentation of the pledge of allegiance.

ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairman Lambert. He charged Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 7th MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission meeting held on March 7, 2019, were presented. Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Constance Mitchell. Motion carried.

BRIEFING ON OCCaneechi BAND OF THE SAPONI NATION OPERATIONS: Commissioner Tony Hayes, Chairman, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation presented a brief overview of tribal activities.

The presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (**Attachment A**)

GREETINGS: Dr. Randy Williams, Associate Vice President for Campus Engagement, Assistant Professor of Education, Elon University welcomed the Commission to Elon University. He noted that Elon University was happy to collaborate and partner with the Commission of Indian Affairs with the efforts of Commissioner Tony Hayes, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation Indian Tribe. Dr. Williams shared information about the CREDE Program at Elon University. The acronym stands for Center for Race, Ethnicity & Diversity Education's (CREDE) and is the signature program for social justice. The goal of the program is to achieve greater understanding of identities, power, and their relation to systemic inequities. The university has advocacies supporting diversity both within the community and outside through key training and workshops.

MUSEUM OF ART AT DUKE UNIVERSITY: Dr. Marshall N. Price, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Duke University presented a PowerPoint presentation on the "Art for a New Understanding Native Voices, 1950s to Now". Consists of 40 artists from US and Canada (East Coast all the way to Alaska) on Contemporary Native American Art. The following is the link to most of the public programs that are part of the exhibition: <https://nasher.duke.edu/epostcards/announcements/2019/voices/> Dr. Marshall invited Commission members to visit the National Museum website for more information.

The PowerPoint presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (**Attachment B**)

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members asked if there were any artists from North Carolina involved in the program at Duke. Dr. Price noted that there were several Cherokee Indian artists from North Carolina involved.
- Questions were asked if the state recognized tribes were included in Duke's Contemporary Native American Art. Dr. Price indicated that since it was an exhibition organized by another institute the exhibition is already established. He expressed that Duke University is looking into having programs that will include NC Native Indian Artists.



- Commission members thanked Dr. Marshall for his presentation and expressed that the American Indian Community in North Carolina has tremendous talent who produce quality Arts and Crafts and would be happy to participate in the art exhibitions, if invited.

VOLUNTEER NC: Ms. Caroline Farmer, Executive Director, Volunteer Community Service NC, Office of the Governor, Raleigh, NC discussed the following:

- Governor's Volunteer opportunities such as Governor's Page program; AmeriCorps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); NC Disaster Assistance Relief Fund; Governor's Volunteer Award.
- AmeriCorps: This volunteer program addresses critical needs in communities in the United States. They award grants for specific causes. Ms. Farmer indicated they provide AmeriCorps grants to Universities, Schools, Government entities, Non-Profit Organizations to work on a specific community problem.
- Ms. Farmer provided a list of programs and gave a brief description on each.
- She indicated that her program can help with the research or connect people doing similar programs.
- National Certification Corporation (NCC) – Program that trains volunteers come from other states to help with projects during national disasters. They provide disaster relief.
 - Matching Program: Requires a 24% match (Admin capability)
- NC Disaster Assistance Volunteer: Donations and Volunteerism
 - Donations – Guidance on where to donate, contact Ms. Farmer's office
 - Request for needs in the community, it was stated that this needs to be researched before a disaster.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Questions on grant writing were asked. Ms. Farmer noted that there are forms. Members could contact her office if interested. She noted that there is point system and flexibility.
- Ms. Caroline Farmer email: caroline.farmer@nc.gov
- It was requested that the Tribes and Organization contact information need to be emailed to Ms. Caroline Farmer.

No handout on the presentation was provided.

STATE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE REPORT: Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman, Recognition Committee thanked all Commission Members and staff for serving on the Committee.

Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Program Director, presented the report on the following:

- Final Recommendations regarding the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina's (TNNC) Petition for State Recognition which included: Presentation of Preliminary Finding and Deficiencies Report.
- Overview of Recognition Procedures.

The summary of the presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes. **(Attachment C)**
The handouts provided are on file with the Commission.

Ms. Anita Finger-Smith, Genealogist, presented the genealogy report as follows:

- Genealogy Report – Analysis and Findings
- Conclusions of the Final Recommendation

A summary of the presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes. **(Attachment D)**



The handouts provided are on file with the Commission.

Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice, presented the following:

- Regulation Process following Commission's review of Final Recommendation
- Procedures for Recognition 01 NCAC 15 .0209 items 10, 11, 12 and 13 were reiterated.
- Petitioner can request a hearing between this meeting, the June or September 2019 meeting.
- Petitioner must address the deficiencies and findings at the hearing. Commission members requested that the petitioner identify the deficiency or finding that they reference during the hearing for clarity.
- Commission can accept the recommendation of the Recognition Committee or the Commission can reject the petition. The petitioner can challenge the decision of the Commission.
- If Commission members have questions, they need to be submitted to the recognition staff, who will then share that information with the recognition committee for further discussion.
- Mr. Teague requested members to read all the handouts before the next Commission meeting. This will enable them to make an informed decision regarding the petition.
- It was noted that the handouts provided are confidential due to personal information and should not be distributed to the public, as they are unredacted.
- If a public request is made, recognition staff need to redact the material before being released to the public.
- The handout (rules and regulation process) provided is on file with the Commission.

Summary: It was noted that the Recognition Committee, has determined according to the recognition rules that the TNNC has not met the requirements to be recognized as an Indian tribe in North Carolina. The recognition rules also require that the TNNC be granted a hearing before the full Commission if they so desire. The TNNC has requested a hearing before the full Commission regarding this matter. The Commission will proceed to schedule the hearing.

Update on other matters pending before the Recognition Committee:

- The following groups that have submitted letters of Intent to Petition for State Recognition and are currently receiving Technical Assistance: Roanoke-Hatteras Indian Tribe; Cherokee Indians of Hoke and Surrounding Counties. These groups are currently receiving technical assistance.
- Other groups – Documentation is on file. The groups may pursue recognition later.

The handouts provided are on file with the Commission.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Ms. Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairwoman, Recognition Committee made a recommendation to the Full Commission that the Committee has reviewed the documents on behalf of the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina (TNNC) and finds it did not meet the criteria for state recognition.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Recognition report and recommendation. Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney informed Chairman Lambert that the motion is in order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.
- Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Jeff Anstead to repeat his complete motion. Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the report and recommendation from the Recognition Committee. Commissioner Charles Richardson confirmed that he has seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Short break, meeting reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Dr. Randy Williams, Associate Vice President, introduced Dr. Connie Ledoux Book, President, Elon University, to the Commission. He informed the Commission that Dr. Book was appointed as President in March 2018. She has sixteen years of Elon experience. Dr. Williams highlighted her accomplishments as follows: She was instrumental in the ten-year Elon Strategic Planning; Established the Student Development Center; Created the Residential Campus Plan; and Growth of Civic Engagement Programs. She has launched a historic fundraising campaign for Elon University.

Dr. Connie Ledoux Book, President welcomed everyone to Elon University. On behalf of the Elon Community she expressed that the University was happy to host the Commission meeting. She shared the history of Elon; in Hebrew it means Oak. The oak trees are the strength of the community. She explained the flag and its symbol, (the oak leaf on one side and the fire on the other half). The 1923 fire destroyed most of the campus. The mascot “Phoenix” is rising out of the fire. A remarkable story that was explained in brief as to how the campus was rebuilt over several years. Every student that arrives is given an acorn and upon their graduation is offered a seedling. The students plant the seedling that represents their education and deliver the quality the rest of their life.

Dr. Book expressed that education is an everyday miracle to learn something new and advance their lives and their family’s lives. To enrich their future from that knowledge they received at Elon. She noted that the education of the students is much like “the acorn to sapling”. She expressed that the history of Elon needs to be researched, understood and preserved. She discussed in brief the four values of the university.

She presented an overview of the University:

- **Elon University:** Elon has more than 7,000 students enrolled each year and at the core of this experience is understanding in arts and sciences. After under graduation, students branch out to do their master’s in communication, business, health education, etc. Students have an opportunity to learn and be educated, to work in teams, to learn good communication skills, and take on the world’s challenges.
- **Curriculum:** Students at Elon, articulate these values and experiences in five ways: (1) Study Abroad; (2) Study USA. (3) Service Learning; (4) Internships (5) Undergraduate research (also known as Service Year). Service year, students earn a full-time modest salary with benefits.
- **Elon Academy Program:** Students come in the summer for a three-year summer program beginning in the 9th grade. This program has a 100% acceptance into college track record. These students get scholarship to attend college. The last class that graduated received a \$7M in financial aid from the universities that they are attending. The goal of this curriculum is for students to attend a college of their choice and be successful. Dr. Book noted that Elon University is proud of the interception between Elon University and the Elon School System to help educate students and prepare them for college.
- **Success Story:** A book written about Elon Success Story called “Transforming a College”. It is now in its ninth edition. It is used by Universities across the country to understand the power of planning.
- **Future Goals:** She informed that the university is having a conversation on advance planning of the next decade of “Higher Education 2025”.



Dr. Book noted that these moments today at the meeting is similar to that of advance planning. Where a group of leaders get together and share their understandings, make decisions and advance a plan as a Commission. She was grateful to have the Commission here at Elon.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Dr. Book and staff for their hospitality.
- Dr. Book thanked Mr. Richardson for his compliments and noted that she is very proud of Elon University.

Photo Session: A group photo was taken with Dr. Connie Ledoux Book, President, Elon University, Dr. Randy Williams, Associate Vice President, Elon University, Ms. Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary for Department of Administration, State Officials and Commission Members.

Lunch break, Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Helen Cook to bless the food. The meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs acknowledged and welcomed tribal chiefs, state officials, guest and staff. The following topics were discussed. The details are listed in the handout.

- Budget Update
- 2020 Census (Launch date, April 1, 2020)
- 2020 Tribal Leaders Summit
- 2020 US Census Tribal Maps
- Governor's Complete County Committee
- Real ID (Star on Driver's License)
- Proclamation Request Submitted to Governor Cooper
- Indian Child Welfare Gathering
- NC American Indian Fund Scholarship
- General Assembly – S.B 218 and S.B.489

The Executive Director's report is included in the meeting packet for reference. Mr. Richardson urged members to share information contained in the report during tribal and other meetings in the community.

The Executive Director's Report is attached and is an official part of the minutes. **(Attachment E)**

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members requested information on Real ID.

FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Sterling Johnson, Griffin & Strong, PC, Atlanta, gave a brief overview on the following:

- Discussed the partnership with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) regarding the 2019 NC DOT Minority Owned Business Disparity Study.
- Discussed disparity study is conducted to help the minority owned business population in the state of North Carolina.
- Discussed in brief the statistical analysis on the minority owned businesses broken down into ethnicity and gender.



- Informed that the company is partnering with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and is in contact with Commissioner Tony Hayes and Mr. Greg Richardson on minority population which includes American Indians.
- Noted that the company is holding special Public Hearings in the American Indian community during the month of June 2019, across the state of North Carolina. This is in addition to the five scheduled Public Hearings.
- The special Public Hearings (Disparity Study Community Forum) will be held at different times and at different locations within the American Indian community. It was noted that the four meetings will be held during the month of June 11-12, 2019. Details are listed in the flyer.
- It was noted that the series of these public meetings will help gather feedback on community experiences seeking contracts with NCDOT and determine what barriers, if any, exist to American Indian business growth.

The flyer on the location of the public hearings was distributed and is on file with the Commission.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- It was noted that these series of public meetings were important for American Indian businesses and Commission members need to advocate for the Disparity Study Community Forum in their local communities. This process will enable a good turnout at these meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Action Items Only

Adhoc Indian Health Committee: No report was noted. Commissioner Charles Richardson, Committee Chair, requested Ms. Christina Theodora to make a presentation on health care.

Ms. Christina Theodora, Maximus, NC Enrollment Broker for Medicaid and Medicare. She noted that she has already had consultations with tribal leaders.

Discussed the following:

- How Medicaid will affect tribal communities.
- Medicaid will transition into Managed Care; it will be called Medicaid Direct. Launch date June 28, 2019.
- Plans will be administered through Health Insurance Companies. All services received will be through Managed Health Care Plans. Discussed in brief the three categories: Mandatory, Exempt, Excluded.
- It was noted that Medicaid will be different especially for the tribes. For federally recognized tribes there will be a tribal option to select. Tribal option will start on February 2020. She noted that the prepaid health plans will change and have incentives. There could be additional incentives such as gym memberships, copays that go along with Medicaid, etc.
- It was noted that due to persistence of the Commission of Indian Affairs and tribal organizations that her position (Tribal Liaison) was created by the State of North Carolina to help the tribal communities. She thanked the leadership of the Commission of Indian Affairs and Tribal Organizations. This is the only time that a liaison is hired prior to the launch of the proposal to the state.
- Discussed the list of health care providers. There will be face-to-face meetings in tribal and rural areas regarding the enrollment procedures. She provided a list of open enrollment dates (2019 Phase I and 2020 Phase II).



- In conclusion, she noted that Maximus will provide quality choice counseling, enrollment assistance and education to beneficiaries as they select from a variety of health plans. As part of the enrollment broker function, Maximus will help members select the health plan and primary care provider. Maximus staff will be available to help members enroll over the phone via a call center, online through an interactive and user-friendly website and walk-in at some locations. The completed forms can be faxed or emailed. Maximus will provide dedicated liaisons who will work closely with caseworkers (social services) and other county staff to provide managed care training and conduct outreach services.

No handout was provided.

Adhoc Land Trust Committee: No report was presented.

Cultural Resources Committee: Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Committee Chair, noted that he will include the Director of Town Creek Indian Mound would be ex-officio to the Cultural Resources Committee.

Employment & Training Committee: Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Committee Chairwoman, discussed the following:

1. WIOA CT Monthly Incentive Policy – Listed in the Employment & Training Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2019, on page 1.
 - Discussed the current policy and new policy on flat rates that are listed on page 1 of the meeting minutes.
 - Commissioner Ramsey informed that the Committee voted to accept the new policy which is the flat rate.
 - Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, clarified “the Committee has the authority to change the policy or the Commission can vote”. Chairman Lambert opted for the Commission to vote.
 - Committee Chairwoman Ramsey made a recommendation to accept the new policy flat rates. Chairman Lambert noted that coming from the Committee needed no second. The motion was passed unanimously.
2. WIOA Completion Incentive Policy and On-the Job Training – Listed in the Employment and Training Committee Minutes dated June 3, 2019, on page 2.
 - Discussed the Completion Incentive Payments are made after a student has finished their course of study.
 - Discussed Current Policy and Proposed Policy listed on page 2 of the meeting minutes.
 - Committee Chairwoman Ramsey made a recommendation to accept the new proposed policy regarding the incentive payments. Chairman Lambert noted that coming from the Committee needed no second. The motion was passed unanimously.

The excerpt of the action items 1 & 2 from the Employment & Training Committee meeting minutes is attached and is an official part of the meeting minutes. **(Attachment F)**
The handout presented (Employment & Training Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2019) is attached and is an official part of the meeting minutes. **(Attachment G)**

Environmental Justice Committee: No report was presented.



Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Committee Chair, requested Ms. Renee Kramer to present the following item:

Ms. Renee Kramer, Title VI and Environmental Justice Coordinator, NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) presented a brief overview on the Executive Order 80 as follows:

- Executive Order 80 was signed by Governor Cooper on October 29, 2018.
- Goals: (1) Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 2005 levels; (2) Increase the number of registered, zero-emission vehicles to at least 80,000; (3) Reduce energy consumption per square foot in state-owned buildings by at least 40% from 2002-2003 levels.
- Executive Order directs all cabinet agencies to (1) Access and address climate change, (2) Support clean energy businesses, (3) Procure and use zero-emission vehicles, and (4) Improve State building energy consumption.
- Mr. John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Environment Quality (NC DEQ), reiterated the development on NC Climate Adaptation Resiliency Planning. Informed that it focuses on human life, health, infrastructure, property, cultural resources, public and private assets.
- Mr. Nicholson gave a brief overview on the following:
 - Discussed the stakeholder group that consists of Industrial and non-profit sectors.
 - Discussed the Coastal Resilient Summit scheduled next week due to Hurricane Florence.
 - Discussed coastal wetlands; restoring eco system; reducing land fires; and landslides.
 - Expressed that the tribal communities could participate as stakeholders.
 - Mr. Nicholson noted that all the above relates to the Executive Order. The recommendation from these meetings will be submitted to the Governor.

The handout (Executive Order 80) is attached and is an official part of the minutes. **(Attachment H)**
The summary of Ms. Renee Kramer presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes. **(Attachment I)**

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission member asked clarifying questions regarding Duke Energy Piedmont Natural Gas.
- Ms. Kramer informed that Duke Energy has been in contact with Ms. Freda Porter, Tribal Administrator, Lumbee Tribe. She expressed that she has been in contact with several community organization groups notifying the latest actions taken by NC DEQ. She informed that the tribe emission threshold is not meeting the minimum requirement of the air quality permit. Ms. Kramer discussed the routine Phase I, Sediment and Erosion Control Plan that requires 30-days to accept or decline.
- Commission member asked what the best way is to get regular updates from NC DEQ. Mr. Nicholson confirmed that DEQ is in contact with the tribes and attends the NC Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting regularly.

Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Committee: Commissioner Marvel Welch, Committee Chairwoman, discussed the following:

- Chairwoman Welch thanked members for their support during the Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Gathering, April 4, 2019, Sampson County Exposition Center, Clinton, NC. First Lady Christen Cooper attended and was the Keynote Speaker. Ms. Lisa Cauley, Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services, NC DHHS, attended the ICW Gathering as well.



- Chairwoman Welch was asked to serve on the Children's Bureau Strategic Planning Session. This plan will be implemented for the next five years for communities and resources to show commitment to what DHHS has to offer children, youth and families of this state. Also, to obtain the support of Indian Child Welfare Committee to align with the NC State Children's Bureau's strategic plan. It was noted that the Strategic Plan is aligned with NC State Children's Bureau is being supportive of Indian Child Welfare.
- Discussed the Proclamation on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Ms. Cheyenne Daniel, Ms. Indian North Carolina read the proclamation at the ceremony held at the NC Commission of Indian Affairs on May 13, 2019.

Legislative Committee: This item was brought forward.

Commissioner Marvel Welch, Committee Chairwoman, discussed the following:

- Committee is accepting legislative request through November 15, 2019.
- Informed that there will be a Legislative Committee meeting scheduled prior to the September Commission meeting to discuss the "2020 Legislative Agenda" which will be presented before the General Assembly in January 2020.
- Noted that the 2020 Legislative Agenda will be adopted at the December Commission meeting.
- Handouts of the Senate Bill 218 and Senate Bill 489 were distributed.
- Discussed the Draft Bill on Birth Certificate Information. It was noted that Commission members and Tribes were not part of this draft Bill.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to refer the Draft Bill 2019-MM-83 (V-4) on Birth Certificate and back to the Legislative Committee to discuss with Rep. Graham. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Hayes. Motion carried.
- Marvel Welch, Committee Chairwoman asked that the motion be repeated.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead repeated the motion that HB 672 {Bill Draft 2019-MM83 (V-4)} be referred to the Legislative Committee for recommendation to be brought back to the Commission at a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Hayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Deputy Christy Agner confirmed that Draft Bill 2019-MM-83 has been submitted. This draft bill 2019-MM83 (V-4) is filed as drafted and is now HB 672. The bill did not meet the house crossover deadline in May, does not have an appropriation in the bill. Since the bill did not make the crossover, it is not eligible for further discussion.
- Commission members asked several clarifying questions pertaining the HB 672, SB 218 and SB 489.
- Commission members asked the Legislative Committee to investigate the benefits of the Bills discussed earlier.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead recused himself regarding the conversation on SB 218 that referenced GS 71A-3.
- Mr. David Locklear, Deputy Director Division of Social Services, Economic and Family Services, DHHS met with Secretary Cohen in May 2019. Mr. Locklear noted that the birth certificate issue has impacted other ethnic groups as well. DHHS is creating a work group to address the birth certificate issue and would like a member from this Commission to be on the work group.

The Draft Bills distributed are on file with the Commission.



Indian Education Committee: Commissioner Dorothy Yates, Committee Chairwoman discussed the following:

- NC American Indian Fund Scholarship. It was noted that 48 applications have been received.
- Noted that the Education Committee will meet soon after the Commission meeting today to discuss the attire for the American Indian high school graduates.
- Commissioner Ricky Burnett read the resolution from the Lumbee Tribe to address students wearing traditional attire at the graduation ceremony. Resolution CLLR-2019-0604-01 dated June 4, 2019, "Ceremonial Attire for Native American High School Graduates".
- NCNAYO Conference update provided.

The handout CLLR-2019-0604-01 dated June 4, 2019, Ceremonial Attire for Native American High School Graduates is attached. (Attachment J).

The other handouts (AI Fund Scholarship Quarterly Report and Education Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2019) were included in the Board packet and are on file with the Commission.

FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Mary Beth Fitts, Assistant State Archaeologist, and Ms. Melissa A. Timo, Archaeologist, Historic Cemetery Specialist, Office of State Archaeology discussed the historic cemetery of marked and unmarked graves. The report was presented on behalf of Mr. John Mintz, State Archaeologist.

The presentation is attached and is an official part of the meeting minutes. (Attachment K).

Indian Housing Committee: No report provided.

Recognition Committee: This report was presented earlier during the meeting.

Veterans Committee: Commissioner Sam Lambert, Committee Chair, thanked everyone for submitting names for the veteran plaques. He thanked Commissioner Tony Hayes for funding the plaques. 2020 Nomination for Veterans Awards must be submitted to Mr. Greg Richardson by November 1, 2019.

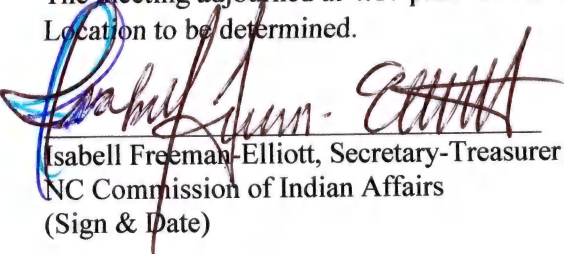
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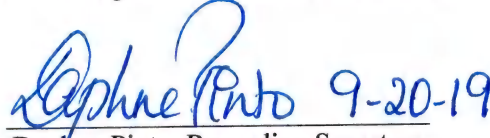
Tribal Announcements from Commission Members: Commission members announced their upcoming events.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND EVENTS: The 2019 meetings are listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

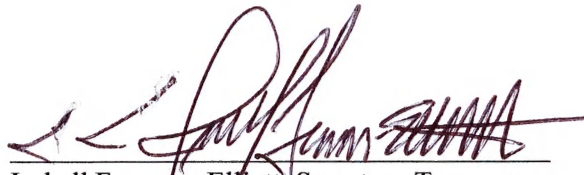
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2019. Location to be determined.


Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

 9-20-19
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)



These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on September 20, 2019.


Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

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June 7, 2019

AGENDA *(DRAFT)*

Commission Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Welcome, Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Invocation	Vickie Jeffries, Tribal Administrator, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Secretary
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of March 7, 2019, Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Briefing on Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation Operations	Tony Hayes, Chairman, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
Greetings	Dr. Randy Williams, Associate Vice President for Campus Engagement, Assistant Professor of Education, Elon University
Museum of Art at Duke University	Dr. Marshall N. Price, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Duke University
Volunteer NC	Caroline Farmer, Executive Director, Volunteer NC, Office of the Governor, Raleigh, NC
State Recognition Committee Report	Shirley Freeman, Vice Chair, Recognition Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Recommendation on Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina's (TNNC) Petition for State Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of Preliminary Finding and Deficiencies Report ▪ Overview of Recognition Procedures: • Genealogy Report – Analysis and Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Conclusions of the Final Recommendation of the Recognition Committee • Regulation Process following Commission's review of Final Recommendation 	<p>Elizabeth Walker, Program Director and Anita</p> <p>Finger-Smith, Genealogist</p> <p>Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on other matters pending before the Recognition Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups that have submitted letters of Intent to Petition for State Recognition and are currently receiving Technical Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roanoke-Hatteras Indian Tribe Cherokee Indians of Hoke and Surrounding Counties. *These groups are currently receiving Technical Assistance Other groups - Documentation is on file. The groups may pursue recognition at a later date (Hand out provided) 	Elizabeth Walker, Director
Luncheon	12:00 noon
Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Connie Ledoux Book, President, Elon University, Elon, NC
Executive Director's Report Staff Quarterly Program Reports (In Commission Packet)	Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Committee Reports (Action Items Only)	
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chairman
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Cultural Resources	Jeff Anstead, Chairman
Employment and Training	W.D. Baucom, Chairman
Environmental Justice Executive Order 80	Jeff Anstead, Chairman John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Environment Quality (DEQ)
Indian Child Welfare	Marvel Welch, Chairwoman
Indian Education	Dorothy Yates, Chairwoman
Indian Housing	Ray Jacobs, Chairman
Legislative (Agenda for 2020 General Assembly)	Marvel Welch, Chairwoman
Veterans -2019 Awards	Sam Lambert, Chairman
Flower Fund Report	Isabelle Freeman – Elliott, Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Items/Announcements from Commission Members	Furnie Lambert, Chairman

2019 NC Indian Youth Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, June 27-30th See website for details: http://ncnayo.weebly.com/annual-conference.html	
3:00 pm	Adjournment
2019 Commission Meetings	September 6 – TBD December 6 – TBD
2020 Commission Meeting Schedule	March 2020-Raleigh, NC June 2020- TBD